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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRESS BRIEFING, JULY 14

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS:

(SPOKESMAN VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION ON ARMS SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA) I HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO CONSIDER THAT MORE CAREFULLY AND HAVE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT. ALLEGATIONS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ASSISTED SOUTH AFRICA IN BUILDING A STOCKPILE OF SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS INCLUDING AIRCRAFT, TANKS AND ARTILLERY, ARE FALSE AND TENDENTIOUS. THERE HAVE BEEN NO LICENSES ISSUED FOR THE SALE OF ARMS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO SOUTH AFRICA IN VIOLATION OF U.S. LAWS AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THE ARMS EMBARGO. OVER THE PAST 14 YEARS, THE UNITED STATES HAS PERMITTED SALE OF SPARE PARTS FOR THE C-130 AIRCRAFT SOUTH AFRICA PURCHASED IN 1961. THESE SALES WERE PERMITTED UNDER THE EXCEPTION

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STATED BY AMBASSADOR STEVENSON IN HIS 1963 SPEECH ANNOUNCING OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE ARMS EMBARGO. IN THAT SPEECH, HE SAID THAT WE WOULD FULFILL CONTRACTS MADE BEFORE THAT DATE, OR UNDER A ONE-TIME EXEMPTION GRANTED BY THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION.

2. SOME OTHER ITEMS ON THE MUNITIONS CONTROL LIST HAVE

BEEN APPROVED FOR SALE TO CIVILIAN PURCHASERS, FOR CIVILIAN USE ONLY, AND SOME SO-CALLED "GRAY AREA" ITEMS NOT ON THE MUNITIONS CONTROL LIST HAVE BEEN SOLD TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY. ONE EXAMPLE WOULD BE SEVEN SMALL EXECUTIVE AIRCRAFT SUITABLE FOR VIP TRANSPORT.

3. UNTIL RECENTLY, SALES WERE PERMITTED OF SPORTING SHOTGUNS HAVING A RETAIL VALUE OF LESS THAN \$100. THESE ARE NO LONGER APPROVED FOR SALE TO SOUTH AFRICA.

4. INSOFAR AS THIRD-COUNTRY VIOLATIONS OF THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO, UNDER UNITED STATES LAW NO FOREIGN RECIPIENT OF U.S. ARMS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR FOREIGN MANUFACTURER OF EQUIPMENT UNDER U.S. LICENSE CAN TRANSFER THAT EQUIPMENT TO A THIRD COUNTRY WITHOUT U.S. APPROVAL. SINCE 1963 WE HAVE NOT APPROVED ANY TRANSFERS TO SOUTH AFRICA. ANY SUCH TRANSFERS, IF THEY EXIST, WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE OR APPROVAL.

Q. DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH THESE SALES FROM '63 TO NOW HAVE AMOUNTED TO?

A. I DO NOT. I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT IS READILY AVAILABLE. IF IT IS A MATTER OF PRESSING INTEREST I COULD AT LEAST INQUIRE. YOU MEAN THE ONES THAT ARE EITHER IN THE "GRAY UNCLASSIFIED

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Q. YES.

A. I COULD AT LEAST ASK.

Q. THE ENDING OF THE SALE OF THESE SPORTING SHOTGUNS, WAS THAT DONE UNDER THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION?

A. I THINK IT PRECEDES IT. I REMEMBER A FRIEND OF MINE TALKING ABOUT IT. I DON'T KNOW THE SPECIFIC ANSWER ON THAT ONE, BUT I CAN FIND OUT.

Q. ANOTHER SUBJECT? RHODESIA. THERE ARE REPORTS FROM LONDON THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED AGAINST BRITAIN TAKING PART IN ANY TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS ON THE GROUND IN RHODESIA, AND ALSO MAY BE MOVING TOWARDS RECOGNIZING THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. CAN YOU GIVE US A REACTION TO BOTH THOSE DEVELOPMENTS?

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